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SPRAGUE ELECTRIC OBSERVES TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Log Staff Responds to Appeal of Mrs. Gevaert-Salas

The talk given by Mrs. Gevaert-Salas to the Log Staff was not only interesting to hear but made everyone feel they should get down on their knees and thank their Maker that they and their loved ones were spared such atrocities. She told about little children being hungry and cold, whose daily diets were crusts of bread and potato peels for soup when obtainable. Meat and eggs are unheard of. For a period of time in Holland, children and adults existed on tulip bulbs, many becoming ill. Their only milk has been powdered or canned mixed and diluted with water. The frames of these little bodies are scantily covered with clothing, which we would call rags. Rags, which our children would long ago have tossed into the rag bag. But over there, the rags are mended and patched just so long as there is material enough to be held together. Due to lack of nourishment and warm clothing disease is taking its toll of these poor helpless youngsters.

How the Federation Began

With pride she told of the wonderful work the "Save the Children Federation" was doing with the aid of sponsors throughout the United States. Briefly she told of the origin of this great organization:

On January 6, 1920, the Save the Children International Union was created in Geneva with the aim of helping disadvantaged children in all countries—without regard to nationality, race, or creed.

Organized in 1932, with similar aims, the Save the Children Federation, Inc. became the American member of the International Union. Since its organization the Save the Children Federation has devoted itself particularly to helping school children in disadvantaged rural areas of the United States.

Following the outbreak of the war the Federation extended its helping hand to the children of devastated and bomb shattered countries. All wars, whether just or unjust, disastrous or victorious, are detrimental to children. At present the Federation has undertaken to provide sponsors for children and schools in Norway, Holland, Belgium and France.

Sponsoring a Group

To sponsor an overseas school group of children for one year costs... \$1.00, \$250, \$500 up depending on the size of the school and the generosity of the sponsor.

The money coming from the sponsorships is used to purchase whatever the children in a particular school in question most need. Nearly always it is shoes and clothing. It may be school supplies, vitamins, supplemental food

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Mrs. Gevaert-Salas Pleads for Helpless Children in War-torn Countries at Meeting of LOG Staff.

Badly Bombed School in Rhenen, Holland, Assigned to Sprague Employees

The Save The Children Federation has sent the certificate which you see on this page, assigning to the Sprague Employees the sponsorship of an elementary school (No. HS-276) which is on Wilhelminastraat in Rhenen, Holland. The school building was badly damaged by bombing, has 118 pupils and needs the following school supplies: 1000 exercise books, 2 blackboards, compasses, erasers, 2 gross lead pencils, 20 gross pens, 80 drawing books, maps, 10 chairs, 1 big table, 2 desks with

backs, towels and gymnastic equipment.

The Sprague Employees support by their contributions, will also be used to help restore the health of the children, supply them with clothing and shoes so they can attend school and provide special food necessities and vitamins to build them into strong and useful citizens. The Log Staff has already sent the first contribution of \$25.

We expect to print a picture of this bombed-out school in the next issue of the Log.



COMPANY FOUNDED JUNE 1, 1926

President R. C. Sprague Looks to Future With Confidence

June 1, 1946 was a red letter date in the annals of the Sprague Electric Company. It marked the twentieth anniversary of its founding in Quincy, Mass. Moving to North Adams in early 1930 the Company not only weathered the worst depression years but set distinguished records for research, engineering and production during the war. Today in the reconversion period its employee enrollment is almost 100 times what it was the first few weeks of operation in 1930, and it occupies three large plants,—at Beaver Street, Marshall Street and Brown Street in North Adams.

During the past twenty years the Sprague Electric Company has continuously pursued a forward-looking policy of expansion and service. It has been a leader and pioneer in electrical and electronic developments. It has constructively advertised its products and services so that today its capacitors, resistors and other electrical components are held in the highest regard throughout the world. Its reputation for integrity and fair dealing is everywhere a by-word. In 1941 the Company became by invitation a member of the Rice Leaders of the World Association which selects only one company in each line of manufacture. The Sprague Electric Company represents the Capacitor and Resistor field.

The sound and steady growth of the Company during these twenty years and the resulting enviable position attained in its field meant that when the war came, Sprague was called upon by customers and war agencies alike to furnish products of both old and new design in enormous quantities -- and at once! The proof that Sprague met its war-time task is best manifested by the honors bestowed upon the Company and its employees, who were five times awarded the Army-Navy "E"; the first time February 27, 1943,—presentation being made April 2, 1943 with Gov. Leverett Saltonstall the principal speaker. The first four "E" awards were in regular course of the Company's intense four years of war work; the fifth award, delayed due to the secrecy of the work, came as special recognition for the excellence and effectiveness of its research, engineering and production in connection with the Proximity Fuse, which did so much to turn the tide in the Battle of the Bulge, and in the Pacific. The Company was also a vital

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Traffic Rules Announced For Beaver Street Plant

Devine and Lincoln Sworn In as Special Officers

Sworn in Wednesday, May 29th as special officers, Ronald Devine and Charles Lincoln have assumed their duties as traffic officers at the Beaver Plant.

Arthur Mathews, Safety and Protection Engineer, also a special officer, has announced the following safety rules:

These rules are for YOUR personal protection. The intent and purpose of the rules is to protect life — your own and others.

WHEN ARRIVING AT PLANT

1. Do not unload in street, but drive into parking space and unload there.
2. At no time, park in driveways in parking lot.

WHEN LEAVING PLANT

3. Do not take on passengers in street, but load all cars in parking lot.

AT ALL TIMES

4. Obey all signals and directions of traffic officers.
5. Always cross Beaver Street inside the white lines.

You are requested to cooperate completely in observing all these rules at all times so that our Safety Officers may carry out their duties without any disagreeable occurrences....If you do this, further accidents and loss of life can be prevented....Remember, these rules and regulations are for YOU.

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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Twentieth Anniversary Observed

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factor in the development of the Atomic Bomb, contributing to its success which culminated with the dropping of the first bomb on Hiroshima. Many citations, certificates and letters attest to the excellent record of the Company and its employees in war production work. Similar awards were made for the excellent performance made in purchase of war bonds, safety records and related activities.

551 Sprague employees entered the military forces and of these 18 men made the supreme sacrifice. Sprague employees took a part in the war effort of which their fellow citizens may well be proud. That the community appreciated this was shown by the way all North Adams joined in the celebration of the first Army-Navy "E" on April 2, 1943. Great credit also goes to the community for the way in which its citizens responded to the call for war workers throughout the duration.

Since VJ Day, in spite of immediate wholesale cancellations of war orders, the Company has made great strides in reconversion to civilian production. During the last year of war the Sprague Electric Company designed, engineered and manufactured nearly 10,000 different electrical components, and calling for different specifications.

This accomplishment and the experience gained from it, has placed the Company in an excellent position to go forward and to overcome the many difficulties of reconversion to successful peacetime operation.

Mr. R. C. Sprague, President and founder of the Sprague Electric Company, holds rigidly to a constant goal of improvement in all things, and it has taken tact, persistence, and courage in the face of many complex problems, to develop and carry through the expanding program of the Company to its present size and position.

Mr. Sprague, when interviewed, said he wished above all things to make clear his realization that the Company's high record was only attained through the hard work, cooperation and loyalty of many individuals, and by the effectiveness of every employee. He pointed out that while twenty years is a long time, it passes swiftly, and for that reason, the program of the company for the future has been drawn on a long term basis, with forward-looking plans, calculated to prove of benefit to the community, the Company, its employees, and to the electrical and electronic industries, and in turn—to American living and progress.

"There are three things I would like to stress," said Mr. Sprague. "The Sprague Electric Company will always maintain a high ethical standard in the conduct of all phases of its business. It will always maintain an aggressive, business-getting attitude in order to maintain employment at as high a level as current business conditions will permit. It will constantly seek to improve its research, designing and engineering as well as its production methods, developing both staff and equipment, in order that the company may maintain a position of leadership. These are essential if we are to keep abreast and ahead of competition. A company must meet competition in the open market successfully if it is going to continue to grow and provide substantial employment in the community of which it is a part.

"I am proud of our accomplishments, both in peace and in war, during the past twenty years. With your continued cooperation we will go forward together to even greater things in the twenty years ahead."

Father's Day

(Originally Known as Pay Day)

I'm well aware of the solemn thoughts

That come to us all on Father's Day;

His patience and courage, faith and smile,

Pride in his home and family . . . while

Life with Father is not always gay

It's forgot and forgiven on Father's Day!

So off to Cutting's or Penney's or Besse's

For something natty, snappy and dressy;

Some Sox or a tie, some garters or blades,

Or shorts (try and get 'em) in marvelous shades.

With, of course, a gay greeting "TO DAD" which will say,

In a canned set of verses "We love you TODAY!"

But lest you may think my words are too light

Let me add that I weighed them before I could write

An epic like this . . . so I solemnly say,

That as a proud father I gladly will pay

All the charges and bills of my Jacks and my Jill

Contracted for father on Father's Day!

—Contributed

★ ★ SERVICE NEWS ★ ★

RECONVERSION

When bugles sound their final notes

And bombs explode no more.

When we return to what we did

Before we went to war —

The sudden shift in status

In the ladder of success

May make some worthy gentlemen

Feel like an awful mess.

Just think of some poor captain

Minus his silver bars,

Standing behind a counter

Selling candy and cigars.

And think of all the majors

With their oak leaves left behind

And the uniforms they're wearing

Are the Western Union kind.

Shed a tear for some poor colonel

If he doesn't seem himself

Jerking sodas, isn't easy

When your "eagles" on the shelf.

'Tis a bitter pill to swallow.

'Tis a matter for despair.

Being messenger and clerks again's

A mighty cross to bear.

So be kind to working people

That you meet where e'er you go—

For the guy that's waiting tables

May be your old C. O.

From Ft. Lawton, Washington,

comes the news of the promotion of

WAC Arlene Chalifoux to the rank of

corporal. Arlene entered service from

the Block Test Department in October

1944.

Fort Lewis, Wash.

Dear Gang:

Here I am in the state of Washington,

which is quite a nice place, and it re-

minds me a lot of good old North

Adams. Well, how's everything at

Sprague's? Guess everybody is work-

ing hard, like I used to do. They

called me "Flash", you know!!

Sorry not to have written sooner,

but we "generals" are kept pretty

busy with all the new guys coming in.

I'd appreciate receiving the Log, as I

want to keep up with my news of

Sprague's. And hoping you're all

working as hard as ever.

Yours truly,

Joe Allard

Harry Embry, Jr., formerly of

the Block Annex Department, is

now in service.

Marshall Street Plant in 1928

A careful reproduction of the Marshall Street Plant, drawn by Felix

Chaperson of Dry Test, in 1928. Felix was employed in this building,

when it was the Arnold Print Works, for 32 years. Mr. Chaperson came

to work for Sprague Electric Company in September 1944, and has

many excellent drawings to his credit.

JOSEPH F. MACKSEY

The many friends of "Joe" Macksey were grieved at his sudden death on May 23, 1946. "Joe" was well known in North Adams, having lived here all his life. He had been active in the N. A. Aerie of Eagles, having served as president; in the American Legion; in civic affairs, serving on the city council in 1934; and was prominent in amateur musical plays and minstrels in the vicinity.

He came to the Sprague Electric Company in 1941 as guard, and later, became night supervisor of the PAA Department. He leaves his wife, Nettie; a son, Joseph Jr.; three daughters, Margaret and Eleanor of N. Adams; and Mrs. Stanley Kustra of Adams, and a host of friends, to mourn his death.

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or any combination of one or more of these items. Where special circumstances make it advisable, money will be transmitted directly to the schools. The objective is to give the children of each school that which will be of most help to them. Additional clothing is also supplied to the children in these schools from the general collections of the Save the Children Federation, so that the aid given under a sponsorship is substantial.

It was with a feeling of profound sympathy and with confidence in the Sprague Employees that the Log Staff volunteered to sponsor a school overseas. If in some way we can bring just a little ray of hope, a bit of gladness into the lives of these children our efforts will have been a success.

May we be instrumental in instilling in their hearts and minds the courage and faith to face a future made brighter by our contributions.

Social Committee Appointments

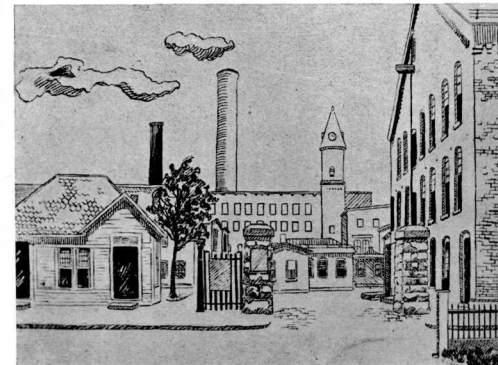
The Log Staff Social Chairman announces the appointment of Margaret Accetta, R.N. and Ethel Lowe, R.N., nurses of the Marshall Street and Brown Street Plants respectively and Juliette Bourgeois of the Marshall Street Plant to the Log Social Committee.

Dirt-Fighter

The kitchen ventilation fan as a dirt-fighter plays a major role in keeping the house clean. Tests have revealed that about 400 pounds of steam are given off from various cooking processes for a family of four each year. The steam packs quite a wallop in grime—three pounds of carbon, equivalent to ten teacups of lampblack, and a fifth of a pound of volatile oil and fat, equivalent to a teacup of olive oil. Instead, it's all eliminated by the ventilation fan, on round-the-clock duty.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

Glass fiber, so festive as angel-hair on Christmas trees and woven into ribbons for floral displays, is also used as insulation on electric motors.....this glass fiber is actually composed of microscopically fine glass rods.....mechanical refrigeration now performs more than 200 essential services.....sun lamps are being installed in the ceilings of stores for the health and comfort of customers and employees.....a photographer's flash bulb has been developed which will make several thousand flashes.....a tiny hearing aid concealed in an earring has been designed for women.....with the help of modern machinery, each fulltime farm worker in the United States is feeding himself and 25 other persons as well.



Our Safety Corner



The next time you're enjoying a movie, a ball game or a good book, pause a moment to consider the value of your eyes.

The next time you start your daily work, ask yourself what you'd be doing if you were partially or totally blind.

The next time you see your wife or children, try to evaluate the worth of your eyes to yourself... to them.

Your eyes belong to your family. Don't risk the happiness of your loved ones by taking chances which might result in partial or total blindness. Wear your safety goggles.

BUSY BEAVER NEWS

NOTE OF THANKS

A communication received at the Log Desk from Ernest Mason of Production Engineering asks us through the channel of the Log, to convey his sincere appreciation for all the kind expressions of sympathy extended to him during the recent loss of his fiancée.

Block Test

By Barbara King

A shower was held at the home of Mrs. Catherine Felix in honor of our Ruthie Blanquart. Those present from our Department were Caroline Grant, Florence Lincoln, Mary Zito, Emily Koczela and Barbara King. Rita Pedrin of Check Inspection and Gertrude Burr of Sample Lab were also present. Ruth received many gifts, and the affair was very enjoyable. Rita Pedrin would like to know who won the booby prize in the "pin the tail on the donkey" game.

Annis O'Neil and Mary Sorel attended the Moose initiation in Johnstown, N. Y. They report they had a wonderful time.

Quick recovery is wished for Caroline Grant's husband, now confined in the hospital.

Sorry to have Alda Massari and Doris Williams leave us—we hope you'll be back soon.

Questions That Concern Us

Will Elizabeth Kenny remember her dates?... Mary Zita eat breakfast today?... Will Grace Collins hand in her time tickets?... or Elizabeth Hunt find another ticket under her cardboard?... What cute dress will Ruth Arrighini wear today?... Have you any news for the Log—Betty Fleury?... Going shopping—Mickey Kaczela?... Will Stanley and Josephine ever stop fighting?... Will you figure my efficiency, Barb?... When can I have my vacation?... Whom did you date, Saturday?... Did you find an apartment, yet?... AND — Hasn't Alda's boy friend come home yet?

The Upper Offices

By "Flo" and "Do"

What We Couldn't Do Without In Our Offices:

"Barb" Reopell's constant dreaming of "you know what"... "Effie" Bishop's bag of carmel corn every day... "Lo" Paradise's radiant smile and singing (under her breath, thank God!)... Alice Gomeau's hurried footsteps... Helen Root's running to answer her phone... Hazel Geraghty's pleasant smile... Margaret Beaupre's sudden fever for reading best sellers... Johnny Muldowney's sweet tooth... Bill Campedelli's nice personality... Flo Southgate's calls to her home every noon hour... "Skeets" Borowski's gum, candy, vitamin pills, etc... Bob Begeibing's way of making you brighter up... Harold Steven's wit... Everett Barton's car... Bernie Bullett's "need I say more"... John Tolmie's talking about his birds... Henry Anderson's cigar... Armand Trottier's "Boy! What a swell night for bowling"... Ruth Davis' knitting socks for next Valentine's day... Lydia Camadine's red hair, incidentally, what would she do without it... Fran Dobrowski's boasting about her good looking brother... Marion Pinsonnault's "nothing in the world like typing figures"... Mary Jane Douglas' chit-chat... Thomas Riddell's seriousness... "Nick" Carter's baseball scores... Doris Roy's hilarious comedy?... Rachel Bongiolatti's talking about her "Hipe."

Maintenance

By Umbriago

We're glad to welcome Peter Jobin back after his recent operation.

Our painter, Jim Dami "the boy who almost made Broadway" some years ago, is now working his way up to be a Gentleman Farmer. He purchased a large tractor recently with all attachments. He's looking forward to a rushed season of plowing—so if you need that small (or large) patch plowed, let him know... In fact, he is even looking as far forward as the first heavy snowfall, so he can keep the tractor in good condition.

Maurice Chonard, our plumber has at last found a hobby... he purchased a movie camera, and at present has Bill Falcom for his leading man, Tom Ryan doubles for Bill in those athletic parts, such as jumping from cliffs, etc... But Maurice—have you picked your leading lady yet. He's undecided whether to work for M.G.M.—or just take over.

Several of the Maintenance boys are wondering WHY Art Mathews found it necessary to buy EGGS from Scotty... you didn't run short at home, did you Art?

Orchids to Dan Kelly of Maintenance Test for the swell write-up on Amateur Radio and the so-called hams... and speaking of "hams" in referring to the article's quip on hams and pineapple served Easter morning—was you dere—"Buster" Sherman?

When "Buck" Rides again

Our curly-headed plumber, "Buck" Ryan has done a great job the past several years as an aide to the Parade Marshall on Decoration Day. He usually rode a white horse (which he admits he had trouble riding) and was to have ridden one this year in the Adam's parade. But due to circumstances beyond his control—poor Tom had to walk. His feet were tired, his legs weary—and not to be outdone this time, he BORROWED A BLACK HORSE in order to have this picture taken. Tom extends hearty thanks to his friend James McAndrews for holding the horse and helping him to mount.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

Clara Genest Bourdon is back at work after a wonderful visit in New York. She and her husband stayed at the Taft hotel.

Anyone wishing a helper for spring cleaning—call on Leo Simon. He's had quite a bit of experience lately.

We wish Beatrice Lawson a speedy recovery—you sure get tough breaks, Bee. We hope you're back with us soon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Rita Mongeon at the recent loss of her grandmother.

Raymond Perrault, brother of Roma, who served 1½ years in the Coast Guard, has recently been discharged.

Dry Rolling

By Ann Barbuto

Anyone wishing dancing lessons, apply to our two dancing masters, Bob Delisle and Charlie Mulcahy. Don't rush girls—"Red" Lewitt will take your applications.

Welcome to our new girls: Genevieve Donovan, Lucy Abuisi, Katherine Darling, Carmella Tassone and Lorraine Landry.

Mary Scott is taking driving lessons—how's the buggy running, Mary?

Things we like to hear: the hearty laughter of Betty Romeo after she hears a funny story.

POSES FOR "DOC" ESTES



The young man, "Spike" O'Neil, and the birds, which "Doc" Estes has trained to feed freely from his hand, pose for this winter snapshot. "Doc", through several winters, has brought food to these feathered friends of his.

Plating

By Lucille Little

The famed connoisseur of race horses pays the Department a visit daily—by the way, Deeb Solomon, Scottie has gum, but the difference is, he sells his.

"Nick" Mantello and Leo Bombardier (those dear inspectors) can be found any morning arguing about everything. I wonder if they were ever on a glamour school debating team?

It's very nice to hear that Jim Dolan enjoys staying up late nights, but heck, what about getting up in the morning?

When Ed Shartrand loads stock on his truck he really does it right. The capacity of the two-wheeler is 3 boxes—but Ed always manages to squeeze on 5 more boxes. "Muscles", I calls him.

The Can Shop complains of smells around the department but after some of the jokes they tell — ugh!

CAN SHOP

The employees of this Department wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Frank Morandi on the loss of his father.

F. P. Drys

By R. Cilli and L. Boyer

Welcome to Dick Durkee.

Wayne Damon is on a month's leave—hurry back, Wayne, we need your help.

Belated Birthday greetings to Irene Jones. She was presented a beautiful gift from some of her co-workers.

Jim Dillon, formerly employed in our Department, has re-enlisted in the army. Good luck, Jim.

"Blondie" Charbonneau spent the week end in Boston. From her reports, she enjoyed it immensely.

Best wishes to Helen Maynard, who became Mrs. Lawrence Roberts on May 25th.

Can this be "true love"? Irene Burke received a beautiful gold pin from her boy friend, Teddy.

Can anyone guess why Ann Blasi likes to be called "Dill"?

We extend sympathy to Mary Roberts on the death of her sister-in-law.

Speedy recovery to Josephine Magin who is seriously ill. We miss you, "Jo."

"China" Bushika started a "Y.M.C.A." in our Department—but it failed. In turning off the water pipes, she merely turned them on still further... However, she has decided to take her swimming lessons in the regular manner at the North Adams "Y".

F. P. DRYS (Night Shift)

By Ghost Writer

Al Blondin, our night shift foreman, informed us that we had to hit 93% efficiency. Al, have a heart—that's a lot.

John Stackpool have you got your pay straightened out yet? Paul Risi and Bill Neumann are keeping track of your efficiency.

Jim Millis and Tom Millis—how is fishing in Deerfield, Mass.? Have any luck?

Ward Bickford, don't forget your date for Saturday afternoon to take that long walk.

It seems as if Daniel Barton isn't doing so good lately. Can it be because he is in "love"?

Ovens Department

By "Dukie" Abraham

We want to take this opportunity to welcome Louise Bass, Irene Shephard and Valentine Furkey.

Clovis Lambert is having a hard time trying to keep all the girls happy—what you need is a double, Clovis.

We missed you, Joe Spagnolo, and are glad to see you back at work.

If your feet ache, see "Dukie" Abraham and Nina Gerry—they'll give you a positive cure.

Birthday greetings to Nina Gerry, Anne Peterson and Kay Boulerice.

F. P. OVENS -- Night Shift

By Brown and Boucher

Welcome to our Department—Helen Boyle and Gladys Rohane.

Sorry Bessie Brown is unable to get to work because of a lack of a driver. She comes all the way from Drury, on Florida mountain.

Cheer up, Lola Dillon—some way may open up for you to be near your husband at camp.

"Gil" Harris—your poor head—Why must you keep getting in the way of the rail?

Such luck for the young lady who bought a new gown in Albany... First, the bus on the way home ran out of water, then later, it developed a flat tire. But we learn you finally did get home, Alyce Crockwell.

Important question in the Department—"Where do the fish bite best?" Ruthie Boucher seems to know the answer.

A lot of celebrating lately—eh, "Jeff" Duverney?

We're glad to learn Margaret Fortier is feeling fine after her major operation.

What We Like About:

Gil Harris—his laughter

Helen Boyle—her nice teeth

Alyce Crockwell—her friendliness

"Jeff" Duverney—his energy

Bessie Brown—her kind deeds

Ruth Boucher—her sparkling eyes

Lola Dillon—her dancing

Gladys Rohane—her lovely hair

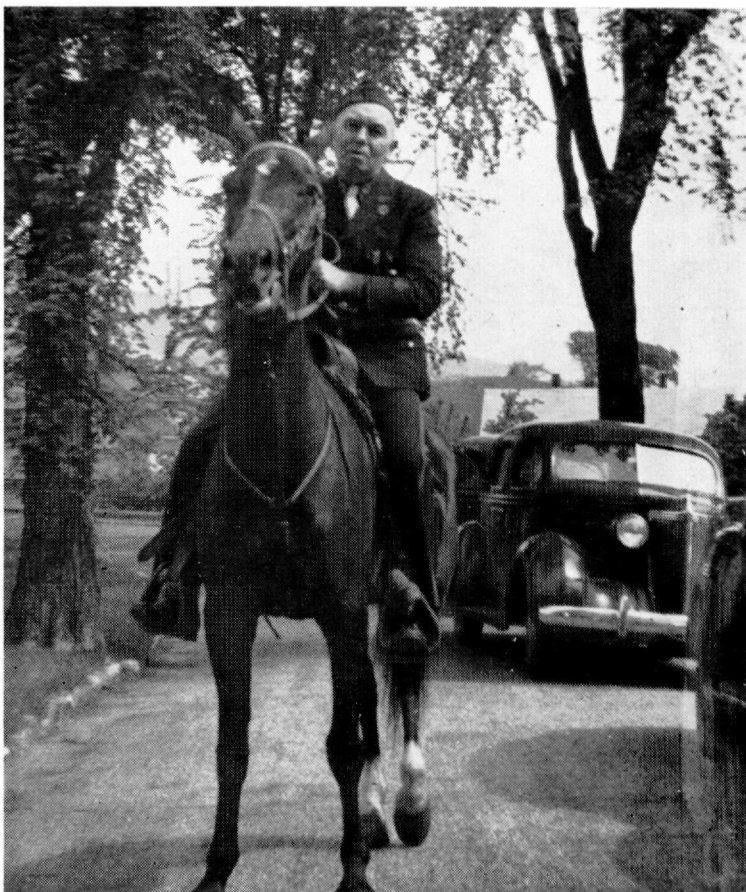
Stanley Stracyek—his quietness

Don Blasi—his glamour

John Miller—his alertness

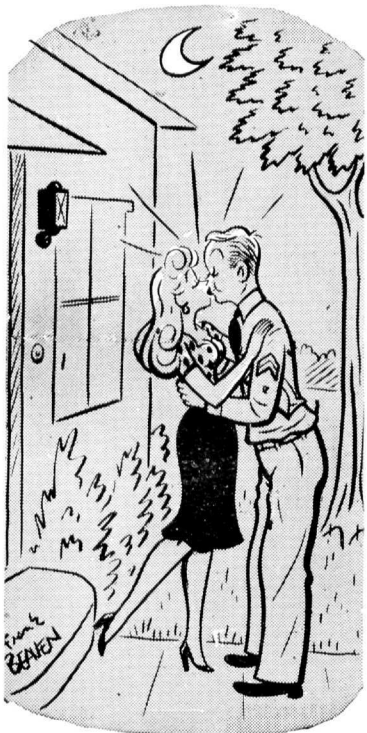
Donald Kelly—his jolly disposition

"BUCK" RYAN RIDES AGAIN



Two if by Land and One if by Sea - - - See Maintenance Column for Story.

Radio Term Defined --



Thermal Couple -
Courtesy Radio-Craft

Tubular Assembly

By Gertrude Hall

Happy birthday to Barbara King—it was a big cake for such a little girl! Henry LaBonte has a special reason for being happy—his brother returned from service in Africa.

Happy birthday to former co-worker Irene Serventi. She was sent a purse of money with our best wishes.

"Hey", Frances, "pinkie's out of jail" merely told Frances Gayda that the straps on her slip had broken!

Dot Blanchard is looking smug, and Maud Waska a little snooty—and why not? Dot is about to get that long-awaited car—Maud has hers already!

We hope your finger heals quickly, Vera Timothy.

Clara Marceau says she's an old married woman now...she celebrated her sixth (month) anniversary on May 17th!

Boxing

By C. Urbano and S. Wilk

Rena Roy spent a very enjoyable vacation in New York.

We have long enjoyed hearing "Cacie" Martinelli whistle—now we have another entertainer — George Green, and we like those duets.

Fond farewell, Irene Weeks. It was a pleasure to have worked with you.

Birthday congratulations to Ann Marianni who celebrated hers May 25th; and to Margaret Allen, on the 26th.

Have you noticed that "Terry" Richard's favorite subject is "Boogie"? We assure you it's not a musical term.

"Cobb" Degrenier spent the week end of May 25 at Boston, seeing the Red Sox-Yankee game. "Cobb" has always been a rooter for the American League.

Here's wishing Mary Kryston good luck with her driving lessons. She can actually keep the car on her own side of the road. Now, all she has to do is start, shift, park, etc. etc.

Many in the Department attended the wedding of Felicia Leja and Walt Skowronski on May 18. She looked simply gorgeous, and all of us enjoyed the reception. Best of luck — always.

The admonition "Love thy neighbor" is perhaps the reason why Larry Bishop and Johnny O'Connell are such g-o-o-d friends.

Terry Richard spent the week end in Canada attending a double wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Benoit celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary last week... Congratulations!

A reminder—to purchase an alarm clock for Sally Rollman for Friday mornings.

Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

We are glad to learn that Ida Decoteau is recovering satisfactorily from her recent operation.

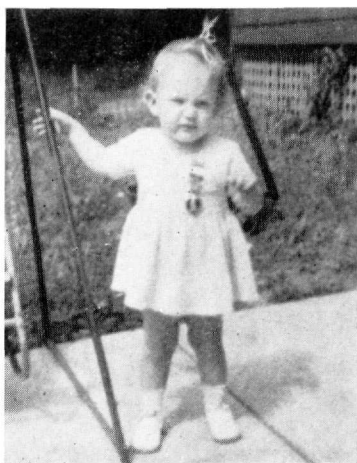
Gloria Urbano is so happy these days—her boy friend has been discharged from service and those wedding bells will be ringing soon.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. "Jeff" Barry. Mrs. Barry's father passed away recently.

It Wouldn't Be the B.T.A. IF:

Eleanor Durocher didn't have her hair up on pins... Jane Ciepiela wasn't laughing... "Pat" Mazza didn't like to talk fishing... or Stacia "I'll-fix-it-up" Wisniewski wasn't begging Helen Abbott for something to eat.

WEARS HER DADDY'S PURPLE HEART



Sandra Dame, granddaughter of Jeanette Shambau of P.A.A., and daughter of Bertha Dame, formerly employed in Boxing, and of the late Robert Dame, former supervisor of Paper Assembly, killed in action in France in August 1944.

Dry Test

By Marjorie Hauptfleisch

Congratulations go to Jack Sullivan, and best wishes to Rita Johnson on their approaching marriage.

Happy birthday to Lena Vicari. She received a beautifully decorated cake and gifts from her co-workers.

We are all waiting for that day when Francis Guzzie sheds his overcoat!

Helen LeSage spent the Memorial Day week end at Turners Falls, and enjoyed her trip very much.

Suggestion: That Ray Racette would pick some other time, than 7 to 8 o'clock to make boxes.

Ever since Mary Veinotte bought a raincoat, it has been raining! How about sharing it, Mary?

We had the "White Rider" with us the other morning—did you come by horse or plane, Marjorie?

Hope you are enjoying your vacation, Rita Johnson.

A. C. Line

By Vi Short

Jennie Chalifoux and the "cement mixer" are still romancing... *Keep up the good work, Jennie.*

Congratulations to Alice Pisano who now is the "First Lady of the Eagles." (Her husband, Dominic of the Stockroom, is the President.)

Lena Vicari is happy because her brother finally is home to stay! (I hear he was made Admiral of the Fleet.)

William Mahoney has been elected President of the Enlisted Mens' Club home guard at the State Armory.

Mina Scieszka, how does it feel to work a full week of 48 hours?... Answer: *My comment will not pass the censors.*

What is so fascinating about Lou Siciliano? *His help never wants to leave him.*

Welcome, Kitty Herzig, to the A.C. Line.

Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Etta Owen -- Dispensary

APPLE PAN DOWDY

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1/2 cup sugar | 3 lbs. pared sliced apples |
| 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon | 1/2 cup New Orleans molasses |
| 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg | 3 tablespoons butter |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1/4 cup water |

Line a casserole with pie crust. Mix sugar, spices and salt and sprinkle over apples. Fill casserole with apples, add molasses, butter and water. Cover with punctured pie crust, tuck edges together, press to sides of casserole. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 30 minutes. Remove from oven. With spoon, break top crust in pieces and fold them into apple filling. Return to oven and bake 15 minutes at 350°F. (or until apples are tender.) Serves 6 to 8.

Man's Imperfections Lead Him To Many Mistakes In Life, and the pointing out of these frailties has engaged the attention of philosophers and reformers in all ages. These are the seven greatest mistakes of man: MAN'S SEVEN GREATEST MISTAKES:

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind by not acquiring the habit of reading.
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.
7. The greatest mistake of all is the failure to establish the habit of saving money.

—East New York Savings Bank School News



Clovis Lambert, formerly in the Navy, now employed in Ovens Department.

Formation and Centrifuge

By James Shea

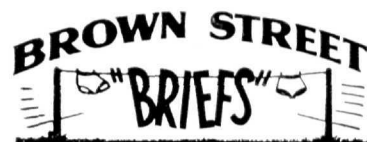
Co-Worker Feted

A dinner in honor of Adam Pevoski, who is to be married June 1st, was held at Pete Tash's Grill. Your reporter acted as Master of Ceremonies. The party was well attended by a group from the Department, friends and relatives of the groom-to-be and they enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner. The bulk of the entertainment was provided by the two Formation "star" comedians, "Boney" Haley and "Pat" Patenaude. Although owing to the Sunday law, they did not do their dancing specialty. Everyone took part in the speaking program and the majority were good because they were brief. One exception was "Junior" Pinnoneault, who did not stop until somebody stepped on his foot.

The guest of honor received a purse of money.

The sunburn Ray LaFrance received the Sunday he attended the double-header in Boston was worth it. Although the conditions were not the best, Ray says he thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Lucky fellow!

The departments are still being moved around and such confusion! We lost the telephone and found it under a pile of rubbish. At times, there are so many maintenance men around, that the machine operators find it quicker to go outside and walk up the sidewalk to get from one end to the room to the other.



A Tribute to Joe Macksey

Dear St. Peter:

We have a message for a guy named "Joe", Tell him we miss him and want him to know

What a shock it was when he passed away—

It's hard to believe even to this day. Tell him he's with us day in and day out,

In the P.A.A. he's always about.

And in that Land of Beginning again Where every man is every man's friend, We know that he will be happy there And won't have a worry or even a care.

And oh, St. Peter, before we close— You must be wondering with so many Joes

Just which one to deliver this to, So look for an Irishman with eyes of blue

Whose last name is Macksey,—just plain "Joe" to you.

By Bertha Salavantis

Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

The girls of the Department will be happy when Earle Washburn gets the lawn mowers home again—they miss the ride to Main Street.

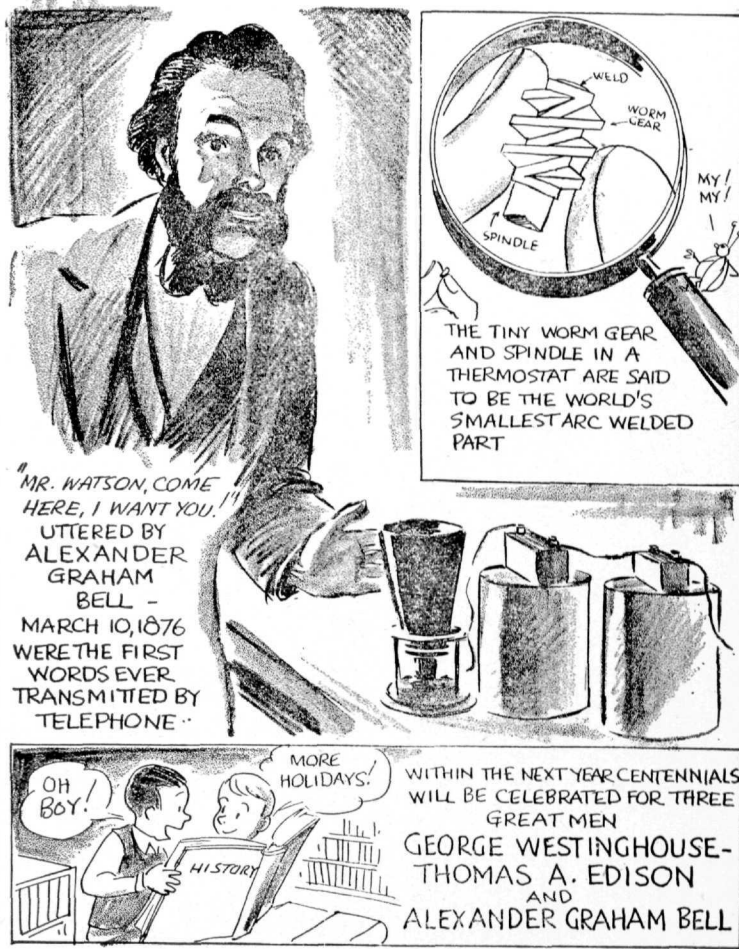
Congratulations to "Pete" Lepage. The LePages are the proud parents of a baby girl born May 26th.

Peg Durnim came to work last Friday sporting a nice plastic handbag—thanks to Lucille Miller who reminded her that they were on sale. Though it was a shame she had forgotten about it herself.

There is a rumor that Larry Haskins has two baby crows on his farm — has the meat shortage brought that about?

Denise Peloquin, employed in the Resistor Engineering Department since September 1942 is about to take the fatal plunge June 28th. The lucky man is Albert G. Coenen, recently discharged from the Army after serving four years, and now employed in the Chicago office of the Gevaert Company... Best wishes to Denise.

Facts File . . .



MAINTENANCE and MACHINE SHOP

By "Little Lulu"

"Wash" Santelli entertained his girl friend at his new home the other P.M., at least that's what he calls it. He handed her a bucket of paint and a brush and put her to work while he supervised the job. "After all," says Wash, "I took her to the carnival, didn't I?" Incidentally, Wash's favorite tune now is, "I'm a Big Boy Now."

"Limpy" De Paoli and Grant Hamilton spent the week end of May 18th, in Boston. Judging by their appearance Monday morning, Boston took the boys by storm.

The three "Casnovas of Brown Street", Charlie Wright, "Wash" Santelli and John Ross. Watch out girls.

Welcome back to work, Louie Poirat, glad to see you looking so well. But remember what Charlie Dean said, *no heavy work now*.

We've always kidded "Casey" Brady about his fish stories but he is now living up to a few of them we think.

Did you see the 21 inch pickerel he was sporting around? It certainly was a beauty and he claims he caught four others just like it. By the way, "Casey", *what fish market did you get that one in?*

Everyone is happy again in the Maintenance. Charlie Dean has his boat and *both oars back*. "Doc" Plumb spent the biggest part of a Saturday afternoon looking for the oars and found one in Clarksburg and the other on the Mohawk Trail. There's quite a story behind this little episode, have "Doc" or Charlie tell you about it.

John Burdick is now known as the W. O. W. (worn-out-wolf) of the Machine Shop.

If your blood pressure is low and you have that tired, dragged out feeling, just visit Harold Bohl in Maintenance. He'll give you a shock that will pep you up. All you have to do is lean on a piece of metal or iron and a 2 foot jump you will take in the air.

P.A.A. Inspect and Test

By Elsie Leja

Viola Guilino and "yours truly" spent a very pleasant week end in New York City recently. We came back with *plenty of hosiery*.

Things are always happening to Mike Grande. We hear he had quite a "coming out" party.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Jane Windrow on the recent death of her mother.

A little advice for Mae Brown. *Stay off horses for a while.*

I wonder why Gladys Foster is so interested in saving her money?

When one is hungry they can always depend on Grace Arigoni for a snack.

They say that Romeo Gagne should be 40 years old—but he says he was *sick a year so he's only 39*.

Alfred Gagne must have brought that whistle along when he came from Wall's.

Teddy Blair, Ray Mahar, "Pete" Law and "Uncle Henry" recently attended a ball game at Boston as the guests of Jimmy Mancuso. *Who is this "Uncle Henry"?*

Alice Swartz was bragging about having had only *one flat tire in a year*, but the other day, she discovered that "Josephine" had presented her with another one. Charlie Wright came to the rescue—but then he should as Alice came to his rescue a while back when he had a flat. *She let him use her jack.*

Remarks heard in the P.A.A.: "Hot dawg... Put the clout on that... Get on the Ball... Buzz off... Ouch! I got a shock... Darn these condensers... Will 2:30 ever come?... What did I do now?... Oh! Howard."

Concert Postponed



Due to Unforeseen Circumstances the 3rd Concert by the Sprague Electric Orchestra is Postponed Until Sunday, June 23rd.

Mica Molding and Impregnation

By Jessie Vallieres

It's nice to have Harold Affhauser back with us. Yep, his red hair certainly brightens up the Molding Rooms.

The way Sarge Busby ties those rags around his waist for aprons makes him look like an ostrich—shape, feathered head and all.

Say Gang, did ya' know Gert Hamilton's got a sparkler?

Can we borrow a pair of roller skates? It's a l-o-o-n-g way from here to the lunchroom—especially when you're trying to beat the clock—eh Fittz?



"Somewhat Restricted" thinks Harvey LaBonte, Jr. whose father, Harvey, Sr. is in the Dry Rolling Department.

Industrial Oil

By Vincelette and White

Our Department received the worst news possible on May 27th. We were notified that our foreman, Harvey ("Specks") DeGrenier was leaving us. He has been transferred to the Dry Rolling Department at Beaver. The entire Department will miss him. It's more like losing a good friend than a foreman. We all wish him success in his new job and feel that no one else can fill the place he held in the hearts of the workers in our Department. So long, "Specks".

We wish to express our sympathy to Phyllis Osizlo on the death of her mother.

From all reports the benefit dance run by the boys and girls of the K.V.A. was a huge success. The entire proceeds go to the B.F.-D.S.- & L.A. Club. Watch this column for further news.

Nan Barschdoff and Bernie Fitzpatrick both came to work recently with beautiful sunburns. *Where did you get them, kids?*

Wanted: One good weather reporter, to tell Al Giusti when there will be softball games.

When the Sample Department girls come up here, they receive lots of attention from B. F. Is it in the work, Bernie, or...?

That scream you hear every afternoon about 2:15 is Milly Conroy when she sees her shadow on the wall.

L. Dufraine, L. Vincelette, D. Solomon, H. DeGrenier, J. Valotta and F. Santelli all enjoyed the Red Sox and Yankee's double header in Boston, Sunday, the 26th. Thanks very, very much to Mr. Dufraine's master touch of promoting.



"W. E." Department

By Juliette Bourgeois

Miss Lottie Wysocki announces her engagement to Frank Wotkowicz of Dry Rolling, Beaver Street plant. The wedding date is July 27th.

Welcome to our Department, Anita Wojnicki, Gladys Rys, Gerald McConnell, Helen Crawford and Wilfrid Millette.

Leona "Red" Walczak spent the week end in Hartford. Hope you had a Happy Birthday, "Red". Lucky girl getting nylons for a present.

A speedy recovery to Peg Roy. Hope you will soon be back working with us.

What Would Happen If:

Mary Moore did not worry about her work and Danny Collins didn't make her worry?... Anna Kirby and Rose Casucelli came in late some day?... Clifford King stayed up in his own department?... John Peters would *whisper* once in a while?... Jean Whitney would come in at 7 some morning?... John McFarlane would run once in a while?... Rose Pecor didn't do her dusting every half hour?

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Armand Gibeau on the recent loss of his mother.

Shipping, Cancellation and Carton Stockroom

By Gold-Dust Twins

It's time to get the pen a going—Log Time.

There's an empty space at our table waiting to be filled—hurry and get well, Clementina Zanetti—we all miss you.

"Reggie" Rowett, recently discharged, is now a member of the Receiving Department.

Because the sun was shining this morning, our truck driver and his inseparable helper (Walt Burr and Frank Cirullo) decided to polish the truck. Walt, with plenty of gusto, huffed and rubbed, while Frank was standing a few paces back directing... Was Frank tired!!

Florence Richard is busier than a bee these days. It seems she is going into a new apartment (lucky girl) and as one passes her, one hears, "Let's see, shall I put the big chair here—or near the window?" "Don't you love my new drapes?" "OH! what am I going to do if my stove isn't here." *Flo, you will have to take more than Vitamin B to keep that pace.*

Building 12 has five new tenants. Now, boys, don't come to blows. It's only five kittens.

A few weeks ago, we wrote an article about three men with hearts of gold taking such tender care of 3 little dried out geraniums. We stated we would report the progress of these little orphans to you. At present, the geraniums are coming along very nicely, and the boys added morning glories and sweet peas. (See picture of the three benefactors with their little orphans.)

Sign in laundry window: "We do not tear your laundry with machinery. We do it carefully by hand."

THE THREE BENEFACTORS



The "orphan" geraniums which Jack Callahan, Miles Heath and Mario Magnani have nursed back to perfect health and happiness. ("Tis said they may try morning glories next.)

Miscellaneous Drys

By Eddie O'Neil

The girls on testing can be seen every lunch period munching on oranges. They all claim to have lost ten pounds *but we can't see it*.

The girls all enjoy hearing "I'm a big girl now." It boosts their ego.

The girls on the finishing table go wild every time they hear that new song. What is it? Ask Dot Royal.

Want to learn the minuet? Watch the "Flash" when they play: "Put Your Little Foot Right Out." The "Flash" has also initiated Thelma Burdick into the "Hubba Hubba Club."

Our "Sarge" is the proud owner of a new 1946 Pontiac. Wish some of us were as lucky!!

"W.E."—Rollers—Stitchers

By Erminia Sweeney

Dot Mellilo, do show us how to bake a pie—but not the kind that takes a day and a half to bake and still isn't done!

Happy Birthday to Erminia Sweeney.

When—Pearly King—doesn't run, and Edna Mae Burnett—never whistles... Lucille King—never shivers... Roma Runggay—never makes bonus... Dot Mellilo and Phyllis King—never stop talking... Joe Vitro—gives no more haircuts... Pat Pecor stops smoking, and Eleanor Stack doesn't laugh any more and Manie Farinon stops working so hard—THEN—our Department will be mighty strange!

We hear that Erminia Sweeney and Manie Farinon sure had a wonderful time—all alone at the Richmond Hotel Log meeting. *What did you girls do—make a mistake in the date?*

We hate to have you leave, Helen Charron, and the best of luck to you.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Stanley Osizlo for the loss of his beloved mother.

Welcome on the day Shift, Boys: Walt Lesure, Ralph Shaw, Joe Lipa and John Hish.

Juliette, will you tell us who owns that Cadillac we saw you riding in last week?

Joe: "Yes, sir, when that bear chased me I jumped for a limb twice as high as my head, and I missed it."

Moe: That was tough luck. How did you escape?

Joe: I missed the limb going up, but grabbed it coming down.



Marcoux-Godfrey. Alice M. Godfrey became Mrs. Raymond Marcoux on May 23, 1946. She is employed in the Dry Rolling Department.

Roberts-Maynard. Miss Helen Maynard was married May 25th to Mr. Lawrence Roberts at Notre Dame church. Helen is employed in the F.P. Drys.

Siciliano-Noetzel. Miss Florence Noetzel was married to Mr. Jerry Siciliano on May 27th at St. Francis church. Florence is employed in the Sales Office.

Mastroianni - Catrambone. Miss Elizabeth Catrambone became the bride of Mr. Francis Mastroianni, May 25th. She is employed in the P.A.A. Department.

Langlois-Champagne. Miss Rita Champagne became Mrs. Arthur Langlois on May 25th. Arthur is employed in Industrial Oils, and Rita in P.A.A. Rolling Department.

Valotta-Hall. Mrs. Marjorie Hall was married to Mr. Anthony Valotta at St. Anthony's church on May 25th. Marjorie is employed in the P.A.A. Department.

Lemaire-Hartman. Miss Helen Hartman became the bride of Mr. Arthur Lemaire, June 1st, at St. Francis church. Mrs. Lemaire is employed in Dry Rolling Department.

Dziegiel-Kopela. Miss Jessica Kopela became the bride of Mr. Stanley Dziegiel at St. Stanislaus church on May 30th. Mrs. Dziegiel is employed in the Block Annex Department.



Daughter—May 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Julius LePage. Father is employed in the Wire Coating Department.

Daughter—May 30, to John and Opal Norcross. John is employed in the Safety Department and Opal, formerly in the Resistor Department.

Daughter—May 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Messina. The mother was formerly Agnes L'Ecuyer of Check Inspection.

Daughter: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest LaFramboise on May 29th. Dad is employed in the Paper Rolling Department.

Surprise? ? ? Putnam-Russell

At a greenback shower tendered Miss Marion Russell and her future husband, A. Allen Putnam—the surprise boomeranged.

At the close of the party Marion and Allen announced the party was a reception, for they were married on May 5th, at Hoosick Falls, N. Y. Who surprised whom? ? ?

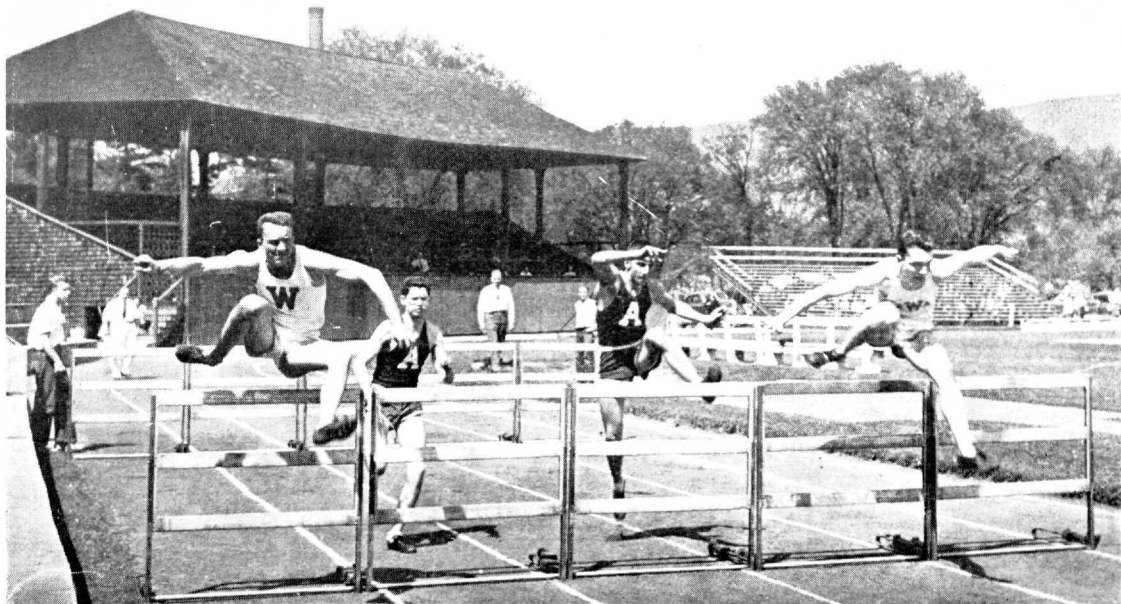
Marion is employed as clerk of the Dry Rolling Department.

Congratulations . . .

Go to Art and Mary Mathews, who celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary on May 30th. Art has been with the Company since September of '41 and Mary is one of Sprague's "old timers" having joined the Company in 1930. Much happiness and good wishes are extended to this popular couple by their many friends and co-workers.

SPORTS

Bullett and Russell



Clever action photo shows Williams and Amherst men clearing high hurdles, in recent Amherst-Williams Meet. Photo by C. Martin, Comptroller

SOFTBALL NOTES

At the end of the first three weeks of play, the Northern Berkshire Softball League finds five teams that have tasted defeat only once. These include Sprague's, the Corner Cafe, McAndrews, McKinley, and Kostkas. Of the five, Sprague's and the Corner Cafe, each have won four, while the three teams from the Mothertown have triumphed thrice, each. "Allie" and Bob McPherson of the Sprague team, have contributed outstanding bits of individual playing in recent games. "Allie" stealing home with the tying run against McAndrews, while Bobby propelled a home run over the left field fence against the Kostkas. Sam Kaska of McAndrews and "Flash" Estes of the Corner Cafe have enjoyed the biggest hitting day of any players—both getting five for six against Strong-Hewat. Sprague's have lost the services of two of their outfielders, Art Southgate and Eddie Farinon, the former transferring to the Hunter Machine Company, while Farinon has forsaken softball to play hardball with the Gale Shoe Company. An interesting game of softball is assured for the Sprague fans in a few weeks, when the Beaver Street Plant clashes with their Brown Street rivals. George Roy and "Hank" Gamari have been selected as umpires and Greylock field as the site of the game, while the date is still pending.

BASEBALL NOTES

The Sprague Electric team has a record of two wins and one loss thus far in the Northern Berkshire Baseball League. Wins were scored over the Greylock and Gale Nines while the only defeat was suffered at the hands of the Crusader team. In the Gale contest, the proteges' of "Hank" Gamari were held to a single base hit but came through to win four to three by taking advantage of their opponents' costly errors. Coach Gamari, incidentally, secured the only hit—a single. Bob Andreatta was the Gale pitcher and he looked very good, while Ray Racette did the hurling for Sprague's.

These Northern Berkshire League fracasces have brought out some good baseball and the League is deserving of better support. The crowds thus far have been scant, and the teams are finding difficulty in making ends meet—so, Sprague fans, let's get out and back up our ball club!

By Bernie Bullett

HERE AND THERE IN THE SPORTS WORLD

Baseball:—Memorial Day at Noel Field—Drury High and Adams clashed in their second tussle of the year. Once again these arch rivals put on one of those highly excitable finishes that is so common between these two. As Stuart Schouler, veteran Transcript sports writer so ably put it, everything in the National pastime was seen as a weird ball game was unfolded before a banner crowd. Drury, after falling behind 8-1 staged a story book finish with the help of Adams errors to win in the tenth by the score of 11-10. Pittsfield High is a sure in to annex the Northern Berkshire Crown as they have chalked up 8 straight victories.

Williams upset the appletart in knocking off a highly favored Wesleyan nine at Williamstown. It was a clean cut victory all the way as Williams won its first contest in "Little Three" competition.

The Boston "Red Sox" are still showing their heels to the rest of the league as they continue to hold a 6 game gap over the second place Yankees. In the National League the Brooklyn "Dodgers" are 3½ games ahead of the favored Cardinals.

Track:—Classical High of Springfield took the Western Mass. laurels with 39 points although they were sorely pressed by a strong Pittsfield squad that gathered in 31 points. Drury's only bright spot was the winning of the mile run by Preavy. In three meets this year this Drury youngster has breasted the tape first.

Boxing:—Joe Louis and Billy Conn are both tapering off for their big bout June 19th in Yankee Stadium. Undoubtedly this will be one of the largest gates in pugilistic history as well over 100,000 fans are expected to jam-pack the "House that Ruth Built." Although we would not wager a nickel on the outcome of this long-awaited scrap, we feel that until the Clump is licked he is still good enough for us. Another top-notch attraction is the bout between "Rocky" Graziano and Middleweight champion, "Tony" Zale. While we are on the subject of boxing don't forget the fight nites at Bennington and Pittsfield. Local fans have seen some dandy bouts at these places.

By Ken Russell



George Crandall of the Williams Track team clearing 10 ft. 6 in. to tie for first place, in pole vault at recent Amherst-Williams Track Meet.

Photo by C. Martin



Coin-Operated Radios For Hotel Room Use

A coin-operated radio for hotel rooms—at two hours of entertainment for a quarter—is the latest electronic development to be introduced to the American public. Already, some 350 hotels have contracted for over 50,000 sets.

The hotel guest deposits his quarter in the coin mechanism, pushes a lever, and plays the radio as he would in his own home. If he listens to programs for an hour and a half, and then suddenly remembers that his favorite program does not begin until a half hour later, he may turn the set off, and still have thirty minutes left in which to hear the special program—or he can listen all evening—a quarter for every two hours!

Electrocoating fabrics, a process by which dress goods, upholstery, rugs, etc. are surfaced and decorated without weaving, promises to open the way in the future to new commercial products. In the process, cloth fibres are sent through an electrostatic field and charged, stood on end, and hurled perpendicularly against an adhesive-coated backing such as cloth, paper or leather. The ends of the fibers are hurled deep in the adhesive—and the resulting design resembles fine embroidery. The process is expected to produce a new kind of suede cloth, non-shedding furcoats, hosiery, upholstery for furniture, and automobile.

A rare metal, produced in the United States at the rate of about one ton a year, may one of these days work its way into the 21 carat gold inlay you wear in your bicuspid, the ring you give your beloved or the clasp that holds your tie in place. Germanium is the name.

Electric irons need mica, and telephones, and fuse boxes, light sockets, lanterns, sight holes in divers' helmets, and other devices where something stronger than glass must be used.

Mica is used in making wallpaper, in manufacturing axle grease, in waterproofing tents, in making drills for oil wells, in making cloth and enamel and paint and automobile tires and plastics.

Jots in Jest

It's hard to judge a man by the clothes he wears which he bought on credit.

Listening to cold facts makes some folks hot.

The only thing some people seem able to keep in running order is their bills.

It's a good thing for some people that the necessities of life don't include brains.

We all make footprints in the sands of time. But some leave the imprint of a great soul—others just the mark of a heel.

—Belfast News-Letter

A fidgety little man was searching on the floor beneath the theater seat. Finally the woman next to him exclaimed, "What in the world is the matter with you? Have you lost something?"

"Yes'm," said the little man, meekly, "a caramel."

"Do you mean to tell me that you are making all that fuss over a caramel?"

"Oh, no ma'm--it had my teeth in it."